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1. ON MARCH 31 THE MFA GAVE US ITS INITIAL COMMENTS ON THE POINTS IN REFTEL A AND EXPRESSED GOS APPRECIATION FOR BEING CONSULTED IN ADVANCE. MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR LEIF LEIGLAND TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SODER HAD CONFERRED WITH PRIME MINISTER FALLDIN ABOUT THE US PROPOSALS, AND THEY WERE PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL FOR THE ADVANCE INFORMATION BECAUSE  
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OF THE BEARING US POLICY HAS ON THE SERIOUS NUCLEAR DEBATE NOW TAKING PLACE IN SWEDEN.

2. A NON-PAPER GIVING GOS VIEWS WAS GIVEN TO DCM LATE MARCH 31 BY HENRIK LILJEGREN, IN CHARGE OF DISARMAMENT/NUCLEAR ENERGY MATTERS IN MFA, AND HIS DEPUTY JOHAN LIND. THE TEXT FOLLOWS:

3. BEGIN TEXT: THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT IS STRONGLY COMMITTED TO THE STRUGGLE TO PREVENT THE FURTHER SPREAD OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE CAPABILITY. IT IS GREATFUL FOR THIS ADVANCE INFORMATION ON THE US APPROACH REGARDING NON-PROLIFERATION AND SENSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE, AS WELL AS ON US POLICY DECISIONS SOON TO BE ANNOUNCED.

4. THE SWEDISH ENERGY PROGRAM BEING IN A PROCESS OF COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW, IT IS DIFFICULT TO OFFER ANY DETAILED COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS TO THE ADVANCE INFORMATION RECEIVED. IT IS OBVIOUS, HOWEVER, THAT SWEDEN IS MOST INTERESTED TO HAVE FURTHER EXCHANGES OF VIEW ON THE INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE US DOMESTIC DECISIONS. MATTERS REGARDING THE SAFE MANAGEMENT OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL AND RADIOACTIVE WASTE ARE CONSIDERED TO BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT BY THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT. IN ITS VIEW ANY COURSE OF ACTION IN THIS FIELD MUST MEET THE VERY HIGHEST STANDARDS REGARDING LONG TERM, ABSOLUTE PROTECTION OF THE BIOSPHERE.

5. IN CONCLUSION, THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WISHES TO STATE ITS INTEREST AND WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE IN INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS EXPLORING AND DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TO MINIMIZE THE RISKS OF PROLIFERATION. END TEXT.

6. IN INFORMAL DISCUSSION AFTER PRESENTLING NON-PAPER, LILJEGREN AND LIND SAID FRANKLY THAT GOS WAS STILL IN THE THROES OF ITS OWN NUCLEAR DEBATE AND WAS NOT YET IN A POSITION TO TAKE A STRONG STAND FOR OR AGAINST SOME ELEMENTS OF THE US PACKAGE. ON THE ONE HAND, SWEDEN WAS TRADITIONALLY  
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STRONGLY ATTACHED TO NON-PROLIFERATION. IN THIS CONNECTION THEY SAID THAT ONE SENTENCE IN FOREIGN MINISTER SODER'S PARLIAMENTARY SPEECH OF MARCH 30 REPRESENTED A STEP FORWARD FOR SWEDEN, NAMELY: "A GENERAL PRINCIPLE IN THE GOVERMENT'S CONTINUED TREATMENT OF THESE MATTERS IS THAT EXPORT LICENSES TO NON-NUCLEAR-AAPON STATES WILL ONLY BE GRANTED IF THEY HAVE RATIFIED THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY OR HAVE ACCEPTED AT LEAST EQUALLY COMPREHENSIVE IAEA SAFEGUARDS COVERING ALL THEIR NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES." LILJEGREN SAID THIS WAS ESSENTIALLY SAME POSITION THAT CANADA ANNOUNCED LAST DECEMBER. (FOR FULL TEXT OF THIS PORTION SEE STOCKHOLM 1399.) COMMENT: THIS IS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME POSITION EXPRESSED TO US BY THE MFA LAST DECEMBER (SEE 76 STOCKHOLM 7099). THE "STEP FORWARD" TO WHICH LILJEGREN REFERS PROBABLY CONSISTS OF A MORE FORMALIZED EXPRESSION OF SWEDISH POLICY.

7. ON THE OTHER HAND, LILJEGREN CONTINUED, SWEDEN WAS NOW VIGOROUSLY DEBATING THE SAFETY OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, AND A VITAL PART OF FUTURE SAFETY WAS DISPOSITION OF SPENT FUEL:

IF THIS FUEL COULD NOT BE REPROCESSED, THE LIKELIHOOD OF APPROVING FUTURE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS WAS DIMINISHED. THEREFORE, AS THEIR NON-PAPER INDICATED, THE SWEDES ARE GREATLY INTERESTED IN WHAT US POLICY WILL BE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL, AND THEY WOULD APPRECIATE CONTINUED CONSULTATION ON THIS ASPECT (AS WELL AS OTHERS) OF OUR NEW POLICY.

8. SINCE NUCLEAR POLICY IS OF MORE IMMEDIATE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE IN SWEDEN PROBABLY THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD-- THE PRESENT COALITION GOVERNMENT HAS A REAL CHANCE OF BREAKING UP OVER THE ISSUE (SEE STOCKHOLM 1340)--THE SWEDES WILL BE FOLLOWING OUR DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY WITH ENORMOUS INTEREST. ANY FUTURE CONSULTATION OR ADVANCE INFORMATION WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED.

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